



TIPPEGAN NEWS



Tipp City News Available via Email

Recently, the City of Tipp City has updated the software used to send out our newsletter by email. The change requires anyone who subscribed prior to August 2008 to re-subscribe to the system. We have also made a change to the purpose of the system to include timely, newsworthy information that we feel citizens should be aware of. Please visit our website (www.tippcityohio.gov) for information on how to subscribe to the service. 🍀



Ernie Energy dropped by Tipp City to remind citizens of the importance of using energy wisely and passed out informational goody bags to the children of Tipp City.

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Traffic Signal Interconnect Project

Capital Electric has been awarded a contract to replace traffic signals at eight intersections along Main Street (Hyatt to 25-A) with new energy efficient LED traffic signals, interconnect the traffic signals with fiber for signal timing coordination, install a camera for traffic monitoring at I-75, and install a central computer control system at the Government Center. The cost of the project is \$760,861 with 73% of the funding coming from State and Federal grant funds. The remaining 27% of the project costs will come from the Electric Fund. 🍀

N. Hyatt Street Reconstruction Update

The widening of N. Hyatt Street to three lanes was substantially completed and opened to traffic on Friday, November 7. This \$972,730 project was completed ahead of schedule and under budget thanks to local contractor L J DeWeese. A grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission and a contribution from the Miami County Engineer's Office funded 55% of the project costs. The remaining costs were covered by Tipp City's Capital Improvement Fund and the City's Water and Sewer Funds. 🍀

Employee Celebrates 35 Years

At the October 20, 2008 Council meeting, Robert Steggemann received a plaque for completing 35 years with the



City of Tipp City. Bob was hired in 1973 as a Laborer in the Street Department and is now the Superintendent of Streets. Bob has also been an employee of the Fire Department since 1972 and now serves as Assistant Fire Chief. 🍀

Holiday Hours

With the coming holidays, residents should be aware of changing business hours for City offices. Please note the following schedule:

- 🍀 Thanksgiving Day, November 27 – Closed
- 🍀 Day After Thanksgiving, November 28 – Open
- 🍀 Christmas Eve, December 24 – Open
- 🍀 Christmas Day, December 25 – Closed
- 🍀 New Years Eve, December 31 – Open
- 🍀 New Years Day, January 1 – Closed 🍀



Low- and No-Cost Ways to Manage Winter Bills and Save on Utility Expenses

With the costs of *fuel skyrocketing*, a sluggish economy, and predictions of another tough winter season approaching, Tipp City wants to lessen the blow to our customers and reiterate our commitment to helping customers discover ways to lower their utility bills and become more energy efficient. There are many low- and no-cost opportunities to protect the environment and save on utility expenses by being more energy efficient:

- ☛ Turn lights, appliances, and electronics off when they are not in use. Today's larger homes have a lot of rooms where operating TVs, radios, computers, and lights may be forgotten. Unplug idle power adapters and cell-phone chargers, too, or use a power strip with a switch for convenience. For outdoor lights, install motion sensors or a combination of photo sensors to turn lights on and timers to turn them off.
- ☛ Replace at least five incandescent light bulbs with high-efficiency, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs). Energy Star labeled CFLs use 75 percent less energy and last six to ten times longer than standard incandescent bulbs do. A CFL that uses 13 to 17 watts will give as much light as a 60-watt incandescent bulb. Today's CFLs come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and tints.

- ☛ Install a programmable thermostat. During winter, lower the temperature when you are typically at work or asleep. You can save about 5 percent on your heating bill if your setback averages out to two degrees around the clock. The reverse is true in summer: a higher thermostat setting will save you money. As you program your thermostat, remember to give it a little time to warm or cool the whole house to your comfort level.
- ☛ Look for the ENERGY STAR® label when buying new products such as televisions, refrigerators, and even cell phones.
- ☛ Check your furnace or air conditioner filter each month, and clean or replace it as needed. A new filter may cost about \$3, but can save you \$5 or more per month.
- ☛ Lower the temperature on your water heater. A thermometer held under running water should read no more than 130 degrees.
- ☛ Perform basic weatherization. This includes repairing holes and cracks that let in drafts and weather-stripping or caulking around doors and windows. It also includes plugging leaks and fixing gaps in insulation on ducts and pipes.
- ☛ Try washing most clothes in cold water, and always rinse in cold. Clothes washed in cold water fade less, have fewer wrinkles, and may save up to a hundred dollars annually on water heating.

- ☛ Don't over-dry your clothes. Today, many clothes driers have energy-saving moisture sensors that shut off the heat when the clothes are dry. If you don't have this feature, test a few loads, and remember how long they take to dry. Running a typical drier for 15 minutes less per load can save you up to \$35 per year. Also, remember to clean the lint trap after every load.
- ☛ If you have an old refrigerator or freezer that you barely use, unplug it. These old appliances can add up to 15 percent to your electric bill. You can save energy in your regular fridge by keeping the condenser coils clean, placing it in a well-ventilated, relatively cool spot and keeping it full but not overloaded. If your freezer is usually empty, you can improve cold airflow by storing some extra ice.

Whether you are trying to lower your monthly electric bill or doing your part to protect the environment, there are many good reasons to be energy efficient. ☛

Utility Billing Account Information On-line

Tipp City residents can now view their utility billing account on-line via Utility Connect. In order to view your utility billing account information on-line you will need to have a utility bill in front of you.

First, you will need to log on to www.tippcityohio.gov. Once there you will click on **City Government, Departments** and then **Utility Billing**. Once there you will need to click on **View Your Utility Bill**. You will then view a disclaimer which, after accepting, you will be ready to register. Please note the account number must be entered as it appears on your utility bill to include the asterisk (*) where they appear. The service address must also be typed in to match

exactly as it is printed on your utility bill to include using all CAPITAL letters.

Once logged in you may view your consumption history for electric and/or water and even view a graph of your consumption history. You may also view your payments and each month's amount billed by service.

Tipp City Municipal Utilities is in the process of incorporating online credit card acceptance along with the Utility Connect. Watch *Tippecanews* for more information regarding this enhancement in the upcoming months.

If you have any questions please call the Utility Billing Office at 937-667-8424. ☛



Important City Contacts

- ☛ Automated Attendant/Direct Connect 669-TIPP
- ☛ Police, Fire and EMS (EMERGENCY) 9-1-1
- ☛ Miami County Communications Center (Non-Emergency) 440-9911
- ☛ Police (Non-Emergency) 667-3112
- ☛ Fire and EMS (Non-Emergency) 667-9199 or 667-1680
- ☛ Utility Billing 667-8424
- ☛ Planning/Zoning 667-6305
- ☛ Engineering and Utilities 667-6305
- ☛ Refuse Collection (Waste Management) 866-695-3433
- ☛ Service Center (Parks and Streets) 667-8234
- ☛ City Manager's Office 667-8425
- ☛ Clerk of Council 506-3173
- ☛ Construction Notice Update 667-6293